College Bound Scholarship Updates – Emergency Proclamation Key Takeaways

Considering the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on students, their families, and school’s abilities to complete the College Bound Scholarship application process Governor Inslee has declared an emergency proclamation. This has automatically completed the application for any student who has an open application. This proclamation begins on December 8th, 2020 and ends on January 7th, 2021. There are some key pieces of information that our office wants to emphasize.

- **Schools do not need to upload their students during this time.**
  We are working with OSPI to add eligible 7-9th grade students. It will create duplicates if schools do additional uploads.

- **Schools do not need to inform families.**
  After the 30 days has passed, we will send out certificates with a letter to families outlining why their application was completed. We will post the letter on our website for counselor reference when it is ready.

- **Schools do not need to send us unsigned forms.**
  Our office will have all the data to make applications complete.

- **Students will not be imported or marked complete in the portal immediately.**
  We are working with OSPI and expect to complete this process by end of the proclamation window of January 7.

- **The 30-day timeframe is set by the Governor’s proclamation.**
  Washington State law limits all proclamations to a 30-day period. We are using this time to sign students up for College Bound by waiving the signature requirements. This session, we are putting forward legislation to change the underlying statute to hopefully make this change permanent.

- **We will provide further guidance to schools in January (i.e. if we need updated addresses or contact information).**
  We will notify you of any updates or changes.

- **How will CEP/Provision 2 (“100% FRPL”) schools be addressed?**
  These districts/schools still report on FRPL eligibility. OSPI will give WSAC FRPL-eligible students from these schools.

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